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In re Application of: Frederic P. Field et al.
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AND METHOD OF USE
Group Art Unit: 3731
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICE ACTION mailed June 17, 2003, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from September 17, 2003 to November 17, 2003.

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